In subsection (b)(1)(i) of this section, the reference to a "noncustodial" parent is substituted for the former obsolete reference to an "absent" parent.

In subsection (c)(1) of this section, the former reference to a "job search" activity is deleted as included in the reference to a "work activity". See § 5-301 of this subtitle.

Defined terms: "Department" § 5-101

"FIP" § 5-301

"Recipient" § 5–301

"Work activity" § 5-301

5-310. AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE; RULES OF ELIGIBILITY.

- (A) AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE.
- (1) FOR APPLICANTS TO THE FIP, THE AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE SHALL BE COMPUTED BY COUNTING NO MORE THAN 4 WEEKS OF EARNED INCOME IN ANY MONTH AND DISREGARDING 20% OF THAT EARNED INCOME.
- (2) FOR ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS WHO OBTAIN UNSUBSIDIZED EMPLOYMENT, THE AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE SHALL BE COMPUTED BY COUNTING NO MORE THAN 4 WEEKS OF EARNED INCOME IN ANY MONTH AND DISREGARDING 40% OF THAT EARNED INCOME.
 - (B) WAGE EARNERS WORKING OVER 100 HOURS PER MONTH.

A RECIPIENT WHO HAS ESTABLISHED ELIGIBILITY MAY NOT LOSE ELIGIBILITY SOLELY BECAUSE ONE OR MORE WAGE EARNERS IN THE FAMILY UNIT WORKS MORE THAN 100 HOURS PER MONTH.

(C) SPECIFIED PERIOD OF WORK FOR PRINCIPAL WAGE EARNER.

TWO-PARENT FAMILIES SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM ANY REQUIREMENT THAT THE PRINCIPAL WAGE EARNER MUST HAVE WORKED FOR A SPECIFIED TIME BEFORE APPLYING TO THE FIP.

- (D) HOUSEHOLD INCOME OF PARENT AND STEPPARENT EXCEEDING ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS.
- (1) A CHILD WHO IS LIVING WITH THE CHILD'S PARENT AND A STEPPARENT IN A HOUSEHOLD IN WHICH THE HOUSEHOLD INCOME EXCEEDS THE STATE ELIGIBILITY STANDARD FOR ASSISTANCE MAY RECEIVE ASSISTANCE IF:
- (I) THE REQUIREMENTS OF § 5–308 OF THIS SUBTITLE ARE MET;
- (II) THE PARENT AND THE CHILD WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR ASSISTANCE, BASED ON THE INCOME OF THE PARENT AND THAT PARENTS CHILDREN.